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MACARTHUR ARCHIVES

Part 1. Reference emergency war plan UNDERSHOT.

Part 2. In planning offensive air strikes, ther is the possibility that we could be at war with the USSR for hours or days before there is an official indication of the intentions of Communist China. This raises the question of the legality or propriety of making air strikes against the lower Liaotung Peninsula during the first hours of war with the USSR. The question stems basically from the hazy legal status of this area, i.e., it is considered as Chinese Communist or as USSR territory? Targets under discussion in the Kwantung area include Soviet military forces and their supporting installations in Port Arthur and Dairen as well as airfields as far north as Pulantien, 29°24'N, 121°58'E.

Part 3. Action against Liaotung Peninsula would be, of course, only one part of the air offensive against USSR.

Part 4. Soviet installations and supply routes are known or suspected to exist in Manchuria and to a lesser degree in China proper. This further raises the question of the advisability of bombing targets in Manchuria and China.

Part 5. a. Query: In the event reference in Part 1 is implemented, are air strikes against Soviet targets on Liaotung Peninsula authorized?

b. Query: Are air strikes against Soviet targets in Manchuria and Communist China authorized?

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